

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC., n/k/a AQUILA, INC. d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. TF-00-253
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**ORDER APPROVING COMPLIANCE TARIFF**

(Issued April 26, 2002)

On October 5, 2000, Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., n/k/a Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Peoples), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) designed to replace the current Firm Transportation Rate Schedule and Interruptible Rate Schedule with Large Volume Joint and Small Volume Joint Transportation Rate Schedules. On March 12, 2002, the Board issued an order addressing the proposed tariff and directing Peoples to file a proposed tariff in compliance with the Board's order. On March 15, 2002, Peoples filed the proposed compliance tariff. Subsequently, Peoples has filed revised tariff sheets to the compliance tariff on April 8, April 15, and April 22, 2002.

On March 25, 2002, the Iowa Joint Utility Management Program, Inc. (IJUMP), filed a letter raising some concerns with the requirements in the compliance tariff for what are identified as human needs customers. IJUMP is the competitive natural gas provider, which aggregates service for several Iowa public school districts. The

compliance tariff identified human needs customers as schools, day care centers, health care facilities, and similar customers and required these customers to satisfy Peoples that they had alternate fuel facilities in case their natural gas service was interrupted.

After discussions with IJUMP and Board staff, Peoples revised the compliance tariff to alleviate the concerns expressed by IJUMP. Peoples filed a revised compliance tariff provision eliminating the human needs customer provision and adding a provision that provides, "Customers electing interruptible service must sign an affidavit confirming the customer has an alternate fuel capability or is willing to discontinue gas service during periods of curtailment." Peoples requested the compliance tariff become effective June 1, 2002.

The Board has reviewed the compliance tariff, as revised, and finds that it substantially complies with the Board's March 12, 2002, order. The Board will approve the compliance tariff to become effective June 1, 2002.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The compliance tariff filed by Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., n/k/a Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, on March 15, 2002, as

revised on April 8, April 15, and April 22, 2002, is approved to become effective June 1, 2002.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.